

Norton and Lenchwick Annual Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting 7th May 2026 at 7.00pm

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Present: Chairman Sue Drayton, Vice Chairman Mark Funnell,
Cllr John Smale, Cllr Jacqui Dance, Cllr Paul Eardsley, Cllr Jasper Sealey-Wade, District Cllr Craig Reeves Wendy Cope Parish Clerk, David Irons Lengthsman

1) Election of Chairman Cllr Jacqui Dance proposed by Cllr Mark Funnell and seconded by Cllr Jasper Sealey-Wade.

2) Apologies Cllr Jessica Arthurs-Pitts

3) Not present Cllr Satinder Bell

4) Declaration of Interest None.

5) To review and accept standing orders accepted

6) To review and accept financial regulations accepted

7) To agree affiliation to NALC and CALC agreed

8) To review the Insurance by The Parish Council agreed

9) To review and accept current arrangements with Local Authorities and Business's

Streetlighting Worcestershire agreed

Grass Cutting Smart Cut agreed. Cllr Funnell raised the issue of leaving some of the verges to grow helping wildlife. It was agreed that this would be raised again next year.

10) To agree working groups

Cllr Jasper Sealey-Wade and Cllr John Smale: Planning,

Cllr Jacqui Dance: Biodiversity and Tree Warden,

Cllr Jessica Arthurs-Pitts: Defibrillator,

Cllr Mark Funnell: Greenway project, Parish Games, Speedwatch.

11) To agree delegation to The Clerk and also terms of reference for planning agreed

12) To set the meeting schedule for the year 2nd July 2026, 3rd September 2026, 5th November 2026, Wednesday 13th January 2027, 4th March 2027, 6th May 2027. Agreed by The Council and carried.

13) Public Session There wasn't any members of The Public present

14) Minutes The minutes from The Parish Council Meeting held 5th March 2026 were approved

15) District and County Councillors Reports. Cllr Bell did not attend. Cllr Reeves reported that he had spoken to Jayne Pickering at Wychavon regarding the loan to purchase the land and she had said that she would sort it out next week. Cllr Reeves also reported that The David Lloyd planning application was being hindered by highways who were very concerned about the traffic generated, as The Twyford Island and bypass had one of the worst records for accidents in The County. Both Cllr Reeves and Cllr Homer were working very hard to get The Greenway Project moving on. The Engagement Session held at The Riverside Centre had been very well attended. A PSPO was being sort to control

dogs. With regards to the speed limits on the B4408 and the A44 Cllr Reeves reported that Carl Perks had left. It was agreed the Cllr Reeves Cllr Dance and The Clerk would meet and discuss a plan of action, to try and get the speeds on both roads reduced. There is to be A New Leader at Worcestershire County Council.

16) Chairman's Report Cllr Drayton outgoing Chairman thanked The Parish Council for the years she had been A Councillor, saying she had thoroughly enjoyed it. The Parish Council as a whole thanked her for all of her hard work.

17) Field Path Officer Report Just a quick update on the footpaths - I've made good progress with my battle against the aggressive spring growth over the last couple of weeks!! Also the wooden bridge at the farmyard of the path between Lenchwick Lane and the A44, which was in a dangerously poor condition, has been completely replaced by a brand-new wooden bridge! Otherwise, still plenty of work to do over the next couple of months.

18) Lengthsman's Report David did not attend due to illness.

19) Finance and Policy The Clerk presented the Agar end of year forms for signing. She reported that the half yearly precept of £17,771.00 had been received. The insurance had only increased by £23 per annum. The balance of The Bank Account was £54,247.29 which included £30141.50 of land donations and £1,760.40 of working capital to purchase The Land.

20) Community Outreach Reports Speedwatch, Cllr Funnell reported that he spoken to PCSO Lee Sterling who wanted to meet with the people who needed vetting so that things can move forward. The Greenway project had already been discussed with Cllr Reeves The AGM is on the 26th May 2026 Cllr Funnell will attend. The Parish Games had generated a huge response and there will be applications for ten disciplines at the very least with teams filling up quickly. The Clerk reported that she had purchased The Strip for The Football Team.

20) Progress Reports and New Items

A) As reported earlier The Council should hear something very soon concerning The Loan from Wychavon.

B) The footpath at Chadbury could not be addressed at Cllr Satinder Bell did not attend the meeting.

C) As reported earlier The Clerk has now purchased The Football Strip for The Parish Games.

D) Cllr Funnell said he would install Jock's Sign at Ashmore's Farm ASAP

E) Cllr Eardsley reported that there had been a lot of dog poo at Ashmore's Farm. Cllr Drayton also commented that The planning issue concerning the fence there had still not been addressed.

F) The large house at The Harvinton Lane development is up for sale.

G) The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Citizen's Advice asking for a donation. It was agreed that £100 could be donated.

H) The speed limit on The Old Worcester Road and Evesham Road was dealt with earlier in The District Councillors Report.

J) The Council agreed to delay the replacement columns to the streetlighting until later in the year, to make sure there was enough money to pay for this.

K) The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was set for Sunday 17th of May 3-5pm in The Village Hall

21) Correspondence received None.

22) Planning A Planning application for Magnolia Cottage Evesham Road, no problem for The Parish Council. It was noted that Mr. Carroll's appeal at Chadbury had been denied. The Council would expect him to now reduce the height of the mobile homes.

23) Invoices to be approved as attached

24) To review the Asset Register this was all correct

25) Review complaints procedure/freedom of information request and press media policies agreed

26) Review policies on GDPR and disciplinary procedures agreed

27) Date of next meeting 2nd July 2026

Meeting concluded 8.30 pm